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MINIMIZING CODING STRATEGY METHOD AND

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Examiner: Whittington, Anthorechnology Center 2100

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 12, 2003

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O., BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON THIS 1215 DAY OF DECEMBER., 2003.

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This is a reply to the Office Action dated June 12, 2003 (Paper No. 4). Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this Reply. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for the three-month extension fee of \$950.00.

Please note that the **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Please also note that the **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.